

DR. CHAPMAN AT MONTREAT.

Many inquiries have been received asking when Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman will be on the Montreat program this year. The Evangelistic Conference will be held at Montreat August 12th-19th, and during that period Dr. Chapman will speak in the Montreat auditorium at 11 o'clock each morning and at 8 each evening. Other speakers during this period will be: Drs. W. H. Miley, W. R. Dobyns, R. O. Flinn and Ernest Thompson.

Dr. Chapman was elected Moderator of the Northern General Assembly at its meeting in Dallas, Texas, last May, and presided through its sessions with great ability and to the great satisfaction of the body.

The Northern Church, in some respects, makes more of the moderatorship than the Southern Church does. The Moderator is to represent the Church in various ways on public occasions in many parts of the country. Montreat is fortunate in being able to secure the Moderator whose time is so much occupied in connection with his own Church.

Dr. Chapman for some years was pastor of Bethany church in Philadelphia, and held other prominent pastorates, in all of which he was unusually successful.

When the Northern Church wanted to make an advance movement in evangelistic work, Dr. Chapman was called to be its leader. For several years he did a great work in this direction. More recently he has been engaged in general evangelistic work, in which he has been very successful. He has held evangelistic campaigns in many parts of this country, a number of them being in the South. He has done work in England, Scotland and Australia.

Dr. Chapman is recognized as a very strong preacher of a very pure gospel. No one can hear him with a heart willing to receive the truth without being greatly benefited. The visitors at Montreat will be greatly privileged in being able to hear him in such a series of addresses as he will be sure to deliver.

Dr. Chapman is such an admirer of Montreat that he has built a cottage there, in which he expects to spend a part of each summer, thus adding greatly to the attractiveness of the company of people who are finding so much of pleasure and profit in spending their summers at this delightful retreat.

**OPENING OF THE MONTREAT SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONFERENCE,
MONTREAT, N. C., JULY
9TH-AUGUST 5TH.**

The Montreat Sunday-school Conference opened Sunday night at eight o'clock with a most timely and impressive sermon by Dr. Melton Clark, of Charleston, S. C. Dr. Clark read as the Scripture selection that most pathetic story of David's grief over Absalom, introducing his sermon from the text: "The glory of young men is their strength." Dr. Charles G. Vardell, president of Flora McDonald College, Red Springs, N. C., was on the platform, and led in the opening prayer.

Many a heart throbbed as Dr. Clark spoke of the young men of our country who have been called to take part in the awful world struggle; but as Dr. Clark continued, giving facts and figures to impress the truth of his message, many in his audience un-

doubtedly realized for the first time their duty toward the vast army of young men who have been left at home—boys free for the first time from a father's wise restraint or the wholesome influence of an older brother. Dr. Clark did not theorize or speculate, but told his audience that the vast increase in juvenile crime which had taken place in Germany, France and England after the beginning of the war should be taken

points upon one central interest, and how this interest should be sustained and carried toward the goal.

The next subject toward which the attention of the conference was directed was that of the Cradle Roll and Beginners' Departments; and this subject was handled by one of the most efficient departmental superintendents in our Church, Mrs. Samuel N. Burts, of Spartanburg, S. C. Mrs. Burts showed very clearly that the



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as a warning in this country. Canada, he stated, had been duly alarmed about this danger to the boys of her country, and had made a tenfold increase in the budget for boys' work in the Y. M. C. A., with the result that juvenile crime had not increased there as elsewhere. Dr. Clark made very plain the duty of every parent and every Christian worker in America toward the young men and boys who stay at home. His sermon made an informing and impressive beginning for the Sunday-school Conference. The earnest prayer which followed Dr. Clark's sermon was led by Rev. C. R. Garrison, one of our Sunday-school missionaries, stationed at Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Rev. Charles R. Erdman, who has the chair of Bible at Princeton University, is conducting the Bible hour during this conference. The gospel by Mark is the portion of the Bible which will be studied during this period. In his opening address, Dr. Erdman delighted his hearers by his masterly treatment of this subject. He made the simple but important request that every one would read the whole of this book. Dr. Erdman proved himself in this first study a teacher of unusual ability, his style being clear and instructive.

Dr. Edward Porter St. John, professor of pedagogy in the Hartford School of Religious Pedagogy and author of two well-known books, "Stories and Story Telling" and "Child Nature and Child Nurture," had charge of the next period in the conference, giving expert lectures on methods of teaching. In these lectures the child is taken to illustrate certain truths in pedagogy, but his first lecture was full of valuable hints for teachers of all grades and every age. In this talk Professor St. John gave some of the fundamental principles of teaching. He illustrated most forcibly the error of not building in education on the past experience of the child, and the laughable stories told carried his point. A striking black-board diagram showed how the teacher should focus the attention of the pupils from widely scattered

Primaries and Beginners should not be taught together. She also spoke of different ways in which these departments can reach out, strengthening as well as broadening their influence—by inducing the parents of Cradle Roll members to present their children for baptism, in organizing classes for mothers and nurses who bring the children to Sunday-school, in forming classes for children in the Cradle Roll Department who wish to attend the school. Mrs. Burts stated that there was a place on the program in her department for missionary instruction.

Sectional conferences were held at the close of Mrs. Burts' talk, each department in the Sunday-school being treated by an expert.

The conference was favored in the evening by another lecture from Professor St. John. This was the first in a series on Child Study. In this talk the speaker gave his audience what might well be the motto of every Sunday-school worker, as he spoke of the obligation "To do God's work in God's way."

Three most gratifying and significant features of this conference are the number present at the opening—two hundred and fifty; also that nearly every Synod in our Assembly is represented by between thirty and forty Presbyterian chairmen of Sabbath schools and Home Missions, and the fact that Sabbath School Extension is represented here by twelve of the field workers in this great cause.

On last Sunday morning, Dr. Walter Lingle, a prince of notice givers, electrified the large morning audience by presenting the needs of a new auditorium for Montreat, recounting with his usual flavor of fun the manifest defects of the present structure. The plan was received with enthusiasm, and more than six thousand dollars has already been subscribed. A suitable close to this narrative would be to voice in the ears of the Church Dr. Lingle's remark that in the days of the early Church the saints came forward with their gifts, not waiting for the modern solicitation. Montreat ought to have a grand auditorium, a

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Among the Soldiers**DAVIDSON DIPLOMAS PRESENTED AT FORT OGLETHORPE.**

I have recently visited three of the Officers' Training Camps, namely, Fort Myers, Fort Monroe and Fort Oglethorpe. I found Davidson boys in all of them. I have learned of only four Davidson men who have so far been dropped from any of the camps. They seem to be making good quite generally. I expected they would. It only shows that the training given at Davidson is an excellent foundation for any future service, even military.

On Monday evening, July 30th, by courtesy of Colonel Slocum and his chief of staff, Major McCleave, I met all Davidson men in the amphitheatre of the camp at Fort Oglethorpe. Eight graduates of this year were there, and I awarded them their diplomas. I presented two medals—the Gryphon's medal to S. R. Keesler, Jr., and the debater's emblem to J. A. Thames. Testaments were presented to every man present who had been a student at Davidson. A few Davidson men in camp could not be present, but there were forty-five on hand. We all enjoyed it, certainly the writer did, and was proud of the manly, clean cut, fine soldiers. They seemed in perfect condition and in splendid spirits.

I suggested to them that if they had more than one Pocket Testament (and some had) they keep the one they preferred and give the rest to those of their comrades who had none and would promise to use them. It appealed to them, and in a few minutes one of the boys came back and asked for another, saying he had

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